

CLAIMS

1. A scanner apparatus provided with both a flatbed mechanism and an auto-document feeder mechanism, characterized in that

the auto-document feeder mechanism is supported via a movable coupling mechanism so that the relative position and relative orientation of the auto-document feeder mechanism in relation to the flatbed mechanism can be changed.

2. A scanner apparatus of claim 1, wherein an auto-document feeder mechanism support base is provided at a position that does not obstruct the opening and closing of a paper-pressing board of the flatbed mechanism, and the auto-document feeder mechanism is disposed on the auto-document feeder mechanism support base via the movable coupling mechanism, whereby reading with the flatbed mechanism and reading with the auto-document feeder mechanism are simultaneously performed.

3. A scanner apparatus of claim 1, further comprising, as the movable coupling mechanism, rails provided on the flatbed mechanism, a slider which is movable along the rails, and a rotating post for coupling the slider and the auto-document feeder mechanism, whereby the auto-document feeder mechanism can be moved along the rails and rotated.

4. A scanner apparatus of claim 1, further comprising, as

the movable coupling mechanism, rails provided on the flatbed mechanism, and the auto-document feeder mechanism itself having a shape which enables the auto-document feeder mechanism to be fitted onto the rails with an orientation selected from opposite orientations, whereby the auto-document feeder mechanism itself can move along the rails.

5. A scanner apparatus of claim 1, further comprising, as the movable coupling mechanism, coupling protrusions provided on a bottom portion of the auto-document feeder mechanism, wherein the coupling protrusions are inserted into selected holes of attachment holes provided at a plurality of positions on the flatbed mechanism, whereby the auto-document feeder mechanism can be disposed at a selected position with an orientation selected from opposite orientations.